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PICTURE IN SEASON



As reported elsewhere in this number, Rugby Union is on the up. This applies to the quality of the play, patronage of the public and an over-riding loyalty to the old code. Pictured here is a typical line-out, spectacular feature of Rugby Union. This tense moment occurred in University v. Eastern Suburbs this season.

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The CLUBMAN'S Corner



ALL codes of football have followers in this club and occasionally there are friendly arguments as to the relative merits of games which, usually, the proponents and opponents have played from their school days on to manhood.

There is "Snow" Lachal, S.T.C. secretary, self-confessed addict of Australian Rules, "aerial ping-pong", as described by a Federal Minister. "Snow" lives amicably in the official presence of Harry Tancred who represented N.Z. at League, Frank Underwood, who represented Australia at R.U., and W. W. Hill, who wore the sky blue jersey at R.U. for N.S.W.

REG ALDERSON, again on the sunny side, received a warm welcome on his return to the the Club, and again at Randwick races.

CLUB'S G.O.M.

ALF J. GENGE, known affectionately as "Pop" celebrated his 95th birthday on June 29, and on that day, to the amazement of many, looked in at this Club which has been honoured by his presence and his sporting example for the 66 years of his membership.

"Pop" Genge personifies the best in the old century and the new. He is an example of our Club motto, a pillar of our sporting faith, the living spirit with which the pioneers of 1858 endowed Tattersall's Club.

A. O. ROMANO, on a world tour, wrote from Italy before pushing on to Paris of meeting many people. He sent greetings to Club friends.

MANY who go racing, but are not informed in racing, think that the Midstream — Idle Words mating goes on without variation. Claude Magennis, of William Inglis and Son Ltd., answered our question, that Idle Words had been mated with Pantheon in 1939, and with Delville Wood in 1948 and 1952.

Idle Words' latest is a chestnut filly by Midstream. Idle Words was sent to Midstream last season.

SIR WILLIAM McKELL, said in conversation with Phil Roper, under-secretary of the Premier's Dept. at Les O'Donnell's funeral, that not known generally was that lanky Les had fought Stumpy Tommy Hanley in the old National.

EDITORIAL: Race Truly Run

The record of Tattersall's Club, as reflected in its purpose set by the founders, nearly 100 years ago, may be likened in terms of practical achievement to a race truly run.

Here is the rule on which was based the decision of the pioneers to build a club answering social requirements, as well as providing a meeting place for sportsmen and establishing a code of sporting ethics:

The objects of the Club shall be to initiate and conduct Race Meetings, to foster the sport of horse racing and the breeding of thoroughbred blood horses, to encourage amateur sport, to provide a Club House and

recreation and accommodation for the Members, and to assist from its surplus or available funds any charitable, benevolent, patriotic or philanthropic purpose, and to give relief to any of its Members or their respective families or employees, in cases of distress or death, and for such other purposes as may be consistent with or necessary to the above.

Those pioneers, as the poet wrote, "built better than they knew."

Tattersall's Club has lived up to the spirit as well as the letter of its charter. Let us preserve what has been dedicated us.

Highborn Flutter

PERCY OATLEY told how history was nearly changed. Percy's father, owner of Warwick Farm, entered for the Melbourne Cup of 1890, won by Carbine, a colt named Highborn, which got in at a light weight.

Oatley snr. backed Highborn to win him £60,000, a huge fortune in those times. To the owner's consternation, Highborn went amiss six weeks before the Cup and had to be eased in his preparation.

Highborn was got to the post and made a gallant showing, but had to contend with the mighty Carbine, which ran record time carrying a record weight. Highborn ran second.

A TOAST drunk in Club by George Tancred and Ted Bartle to Doug Webster, N.Z. trainer, and Bill Fookes, chief steward of the Wanganella.

FRANK BRUEL, N.S.W. manager of W. and N. Gilbey Ltd., told at a bon voyage luncheon of his wife's asking a waitress in a city restaurant: "Is the soup hot?" The waitress, a new Australian, mistaking the inquiry for one relating to quality, not temperature, replied: "It ees not so-o hot."

All in the luncheon party were wrong in a guessing competition as to this flaxen-haired woman's country of origin. Some guessed Sweden, others Holland, Norway and Germany. The waitress herself settled it: "I comes from China."

MEMBER lunching in club with committeemen Ernie Vandenberg, A. G. Connolly and Bill Mulligan sought information on how bookmakers spotted bets in all directions and made their lightning calculations without

Clubman's Corner

apparent effort. The seeker after light confessed to being "slow and awkward" with figures.

When it came to explaining, those veterans of the ring were slow in finding words. Finally this sufficed: "Every man to his trade. If bookmakers could not cope with the demands of their calling — well, they would not be bookmakers; at least not for long."

THE "Steer Bowker" among the names of Joe Rich, A.J.C. racecourse manager, was derived from Dr. Steer Bowker, one of six brothers, all notable medical practitioners in Sydney at the turn of the century. Joe's mother was a sister of Dr. Steer Bowker.

INVITATION TO WALTZ

At The Club's Dinner Dance
I'd like to dance with you and all the world forget.

*Though dancing is my pet aversion,
Yet I'd like; that's if you'll let
Me change it to my pet excursion.
If I'm set, and you'll be there,*

I bet

You shan't regret. There's no aspiration. Get

*Me? You won't rue or fret . . .
I'd like to dance with you and all
the world forget.*

MAYBE a record: Our former chairman, W. W. Hill, has six life memberships: Tattersall's Club, N.S.W. Rugby Council, Rugby Union Club, Sydney Swimming Club, Union of Old Swimmers and Mona Vale Golf Club (of which he was the first champion) Mr. Hill represented N.S.W. at Rugby Union in the early 1900's.

HOMECOMINGS: From tour of U.K., U.S., and Continent: Frank Tinworth; from tour of Japan, L. A. Campbell.

TRAINER Harry Plant, of Bernborough fame, told in our conversation of a wonderful woman, his mother, who died recently at Charters Towers (Q.) in her 94th year. She travelled in the beginning of her life by bullock dray and toward the end by aeroplane. She was the mother of 16 children.

The early slab hut of her husband, herself and their young family was in the wild black-fellow country. During her husband's absence she often scared off intruders by firing a revolver at a tree.

VETERAN sportsman Bert Bowser and his wife inhabit two homes; one at Bar Beach, Newcastle, to enable him to swim daily at 6 a.m., even on days when he is due to leave later for Sydney and country centres; the other home near Lake Macquarie, to allow his wife to go fishing, with Bert in the role of cleaner.

TOLD by John T. Jennings against himself: While Mayor of Randwick he set out with the Town Clerk of the day on an inspection of surf sheds at Coogee. Arriving one morning at the women's sheds far too early for surfers to be about, as they believed, the pair called "Anyone here?", and proceeded to enter. There were squeals, a tousled head popped out from a cubicle, and a feminine voice laughed: "Why, it's only the Mayor!"

FANNY DURACK.. Mermaid

This memory was written specially for the magazine by a Sydney sporting writer who saw Fanny Durack in action from her first season until her retirement. She underwent an operation recently, and is now convalescing.

MRS. GATELY, known to the world as Fanny Durack, was probably the greatest natural swimmer of her generation or any generation.

Others have registered faster times through application of improved stroking and kick, as well as accelerations stemming from new coaching systems; but, in terms of natural endowment, Fanny Durack had no equal.

She won for Australia at the 1912 Olympic Games and, as a club member put it, in her heyday she held every record from 50 yards to a mile.

First to beat her was Ethelda Bleibtrey, an American girl who had mastered a new multiple-beat kick. Mina Wylie, Fanny's great friend and rival, came out of retirement to race Ethelda in Sydney in the early 1920's. Harry Hay coached the Australian girl to better her previous times — a remarkable performance — but the American packed too much speed. After a desperate race she exclaimed: "My, that Mina Wylie can sure swim!"

A MEMORY

When Fanny Durack returned from the 1912 Olympic Games, she swam in the Domain Baths at a mixed meeting. Those days the girls wore a long wrap from their shoulders on the starting board. This they tossed aside as they dived to start.

When Fanny arrived at the finishing point she would not climb out of the water until a wrap was thrown her. Believe it or not, her Olympic Games

dressng gown! Since then the ways of the world have changed.

Fanny Durack did not lose interest on retiring from active swimming. Her advice has been always available to budding swimmers as her help has been readily forthcoming in functions organised in good causes. Club members will well remember her for her great work during war-time and on charity nights conducted in the club.

Wishing her well, we salute a

grand Australian, repeating: "There has been only one Fanny Durack."

CALLING MEMBERS

THIS is your magazine and its reader — appeal may be enhanced by your co-operation. Let the Secretary have ideas for articles, pictures, clippings worth while, as well as news, personal and about fellow members.

Happy Birthday Greetings

HAPPY RETURNS IN JULY

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| 1 John Fox | 16 W. I. Hill |
| 2 G. J. Aitken | 17 W. E. Askew |
| 3 S. J. Spencer | F. W. Houston |
| Nolan | |
| 4 Clifford Bunce | 18 E. A. Halcroft |
| D. F. Pearse | Ralph Henry |
| 5 S. M. Hughes | 19 A. H. Stocks |
| L. D. Noakes | W. K. Garnsey |
| S. G. Hume | R. H. Darch |
| R. L. Brittain- | |
| White | 20 K. F. E. Fidden |
| 6 R. S. Bracken | J. V. Daniell |
| B. Carrier | R. G. Wallace |
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| 7 Dr. J. D. Russell | 22 G. N. Storey |
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| R. J. Collins | K. G. E. Baulman |
| 8 D. W. Pye | 25 R. E. North- |
| J. M. Burnett | Ash |
| C. F. Horley | 26 E. J. Thorn |
| 9 A. L. Finn | F. W. Spring |
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| Gollan, M.L.A. | 30 R. G. Mead |
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| N. Eglese | H. T. A. Doran |
| K. W. Asprey | |
| W. F. Furlong | 31 A. E. Austin |

HAPPY RETURNS IN AUGUST

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| R. V. Curtin | L. J. Sweeney |
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| C. L. McFadyen | Stewart |
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| 3 L. J. Abrahams | 20 H. G. Whittle |
| T. Muir | 21 N. C. Malley |
| S. J. Spencer | C. E. Chapman |
| Nolan | B. A. J. Cald- |
| G. Doherty | well |
| 4 W. L. P. Hind | E. S. Petrie |
| T. H. Boyton | 22 P. B. Lindsay |
| J. P. Slattery | C. E. A. Bing- |
| W. J. Porter | ham |
| 6 P. B. Lusk | 23 M. Tobin |
| J. L. Hughes | F. McGrath |
| D. F. McCal- | 24 C. T. J. Ryan |
| lum | B. Curran |
| Sidney Graham | 25 K. D. Francis |
| 7 A. T. Selman | G. D. Simpson |
| 9 G. Fienberg | N. J. Kellaway |
| 10 J. B. Saulwick | 26 J. G. Black- |
| R. E. Mills | wood |
| 11 L. Scott- | 27 R. W. Smith- |
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| Clem Hill | W. R. Lambell |
| W. D. Thomp- | G. Clifford |
| son | 28 Hon. A. A. |
| A. C. Booth | Calwell |
| 12 R. E. Chapple | W. J. Garty |
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| J. H. Partridge | 29 Dr. H. Sea- |
| 13 J. R. Gates | monds |
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| 16 C. H. Primrose | W. J. T. Frost |
| | W. M. Fogarty |

Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.

Those Were The Days

A Veteran's Memories

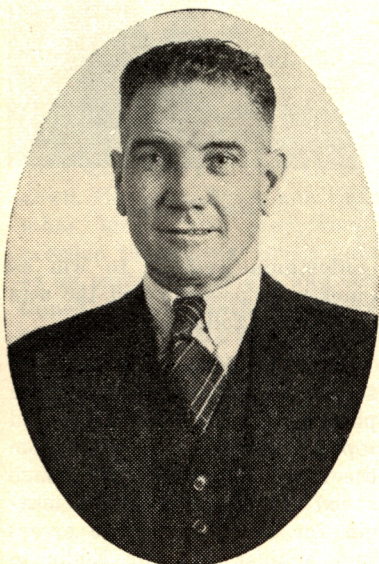
Committeeman George Chiene celebrated his 72nd birthday on the Saturday scheduled originally for this club's race meeting. He was in his athletic heyday, in the first decade of the new century, notable in R.U. football, playing as half back in the same team as Messenger, and running up in the featherweight division of the Amateur Australian Boxing Championships to Duncan Parbery, conqueror of "Snowy" Baker, and acknowledged greatest amateur boxer ever produced by Australia in any division.

NORMAN GRAY, 19 Gurner Street, Paddington, recalls his pals of those days, including George Chiene:

"I lived near George about 50 years ago. I was a close friend of his younger brother, "Chook". I remember also his brothers "Tibby" and Broughton.

"George was a member of the Camperdown Triers and would remember their playing at Norwood Park (Marrickville) four games against Waterloo Albions to decide the final: three draws before Camperdown Triers won 3-nil.

Camperdown Triers played Burwood Rovers a return match



George Chiene.

at Camperdown Park. The game ended in a free-for-all at half-time.

"George should recall "Massa" Bain, who later played first-grade League for Newtown. Another memory is Latimer's Hotel and its long beers, 3d. a glass.

"Those among other memories crowd in on me."

Mr. Gray enclosed a letter he received from George Ball, veteran administrator of the League, who was first honorary secretary of the Waterloo Albion club in 1900.

George Ball wrote: "Camperdown Triers were a good side. They were coached by Teddy Larkin (he was first secretary of the Rugby League and was killed on Gallipoli).

"George Chiene was one of the best players in his position in junior ranks."

The correspondent's letter was referred to George Chiene, as requested.

BRADMAN'S GRIP

HARRY DONNAN (90), who played cricket for Australia in 1896, was credited by a Sydney newspaper with having altered Bradman's grip. That may be so, but this writer doubts it.

When Bradman just emerged from Bowral, old Alec Banner-

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SYDNEY

NOTICE

Members are notified that on and after 1st June, 1955, and until 5 p.m. on 31st July, 1955, application for membership will be received. Application forms are available from the General Office.

By Order of the Committee,
M. D. J. DAWSON,
Secretary.

man — he opened for Australia in the 80's — approached Don at S.C.G. and said:— "Son I liked your innings, but your grip is all wrong."

BRADMAN listened politely, observed the veteran's demonstration, but did not switch, reasoning evidently that physical conformation varied in men; that the best grip was that which combined rhythm in stroking with power in batting.

So the Don persisted with the grip that came naturally and with which he piled up centuries.

CLUB member had a group beaten by this quiz: "When did Good Friday fall on Saturday?" "Answer: Many years ago in the Grand National Steeplechase in England.

HANDBALL



Bruce Partridge Wins Championship Title

The Club Championships in all Grades have been finalised, the results being as follow—

A Grade: Bruce Partridge defeated Eddie Davis, 15/21; 22/20; 21/19. B Grade: Peter Williams defeated Viv Thicknesse, 20/22; 21/19; 21/15. C Grade: Ken Francis defeated Harry Castle, 21/8; 21/13.

A GRADE

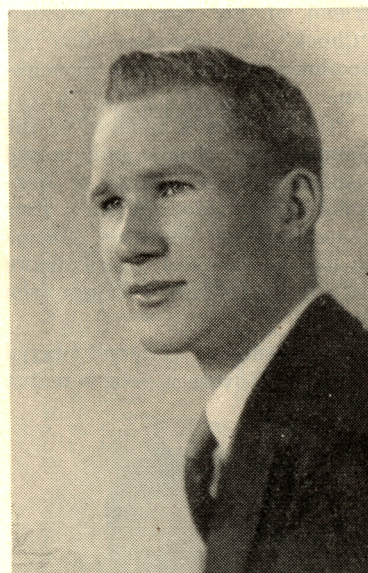
THE semi-finals leading up to the A grade championship were between Bruce Partridge and Geoff Eastment: and George McGilvray and Eddie Davis. The Partridge-Eastment game was a beauty. Bruce won 21/15; 21/19, but had many anxious moments

particularly in the second set. Geoff had been trailing right through the set and at one stage was down seven points with Bruce set for an easy victory. However, Geoff played magnificently and drew level at 17 each; led 18/17; lost the lead 17/19; pulled up to 18/19 and 19/20, but lost the set and the match 19/21. Both players played fast aggressive handball, and although Bruce was the victor, Geoff deserves the highest praise for his fine effort.

The McGilvray-Davis semi-final was regarded as the highlight of the competition and quite a number of members came along to witness the game. Eddie won in straight sets 21/19; 21/15 in one of the most disappointing games of the event. Instead of playing the handball of which he was capable, each man was determined to out-last the other, and it simply developed into a match of who could keep the ball in play the longer without making a mistake, some rallies taking up to 100 strokes and over. George lost, giving Eddie a chance to regain the title which George had won from him previously.

The final between Davis and Partridge was a cracker! Eddie has been club champion on several occasions and was anxious to regain his title. Bruce has

been trying to win the title for about 18 years and, although he has been Runner Up several times, has never been able to clinch a win in the final and was determined to do so this time. With the stage set, both



Peter Williams

contestants went in to win as quickly as possible and the sets resulted as follows:—

1st Set: Eddie won the first set comfortably 21/15. Both players went for their shots and top speed was the order from the start. Bruce hits with such speed that he must have a margin for error and these errors told against him for Eddie to take the set.



Bruce Partridge



Ken Francis

2nd Set: Eddie, using his speed and guile, commenced this set beautifully, and played well to lead throughout, although pressed very strongly by Bruce. However, Bruce's efforts appeared to be in vain, because Eddie, continuing his wonderful game, held match point at 20/17 and seemed certain for a straight set victory. Bruce, not deviating one stroke from his attacking game, produced a mighty effort to level the score at 20/20 and to win the set 22/20.

3rd Set: Up to this point, it was thought that the players had produced the best handball possible — but the 3rd Set had to be seen to be believed! After two such exciting sets, one would have expected the play to slow down. However, Bruce and Eddie other ideas, and they simply excelled themselves. Bruce gained an early lead of 4/1 and continued to lead until the scores stood 20/17 in his favour. Eddie was not finished and won two wonderful rallies to trail 19/20. Then the best rally of the match was played, which Bruce won with a final fine shot to win the set, match and Championship.

Sam Block gave a great display as Umpire, and of the spectators, not one person want-

RUGBY UNION ON UP AGAIN

Rugby Union this season has shown a return to much of its former glory, with increased attendances, a general improved standard of play, a very even and keen competition and an incentive of a trip to New Zealand and Fiji.

GORDON, leaders in the grade competition at time of writing, have probably the largest club following. Record attendances have been established at three grounds where they have played — University, Hurstville and Chatswood.

Their following is even larger than when their present coach, Trevor Allan, was the star of their side.

Allan, one of the greatest defenders, has instilled the need of certain tackling into his team to such an extent that the Gordon try-line has been crossed only six times in 11 competition games.

Jim Phipps now wears the mantle of the master and seems certain to be Australia's outside centre for years to come.

In mid-June, St. George and Gordon turned on one of the most thrilling games for years. St. George inflicted their first

defeat on Gordon since April 1951, but only by 14-12.

The game developed into a terrific battle in the forwards where St. George had a big weight and height advantage — their pack averaging 6 ft. 2 in. in height and 14½ stone in weight. Big traffic constable, Jack Baxter, is the giant of the side at 16 st. 7 lbs. and 6 ft. 4½ in. tall.

Glamour Player

However the real glamour player is the big Australian winger, Eddie Stapleton. Although always heavily marked, Stapleton has scored nine times this season. In the Gordon game he did not score a try but notched 11 points with his goal-kicking. Even with these points, St. George would probably still have been beaten but for two miraculous try-saving tackles when Stapleton came across

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ed to leave until the final shot was played. The Swimming Club was disorganised a little — but those swimmers who stayed until the finish reckon it was worth it. Congratulations to our new Champion — Bruce Partridge: and to a very worthy runner-up — Eddie Davis: also to all the good chaps who played and lost.

B GRADE

REPORTED PREVIOUSLY

C GRADE

After the excitement of the A grade final matches, the stage was set for the C grade championship between Ken Francis and Harry Castle. Harry had

defeated George Goldie only a few days previously and, therefore, had match practice up his sleeve. It was of no avail, as Ken has been very keen to win this event and, playing fine handball, had a comfortable victory 21/8; 21/13. Congratulations, Ken — may you do just as well in B grade next year; also to Harry Castle, the most sporting player in all grades. You lost Harry, but you were a splendid loser.

SPECIAL NOTE

**WATCH NOTICE BOARD
FOR DETAILS OF NEW
COMPETITION!**

THE ARCH OF THE YEARS . . .

VETERAN'S RETROSPECT

Percy Hunter Scans the Australian Scene from the Gay Nineties to the Turn of the Century and beyond. Newspaperman, author, representative overseas of State and Commonwealth Government, business director, sportsman, he is rare among men — a legend in his lifetime.

PERCY Hunter has been for more than 60 years in on the shifting scene of Australian events, the formative years of the Crown-colony cub to the fully grown master of its own destiny, equally partner under the Statute of Westminster with Britain in the British Commonwealth of Nations.

He has not only seen the things that were shaping to take form, the emergence of the Commonwealth, the blooding of the young nation on Gallipoli, he is specially qualified to envisage the shape of things to come. Like Chico in "Seventh Heaven", a very remarkable fellow.

Here is his story, highlighted with historic recollections, and told by the person himself to retain warmth and intimacy.

"When I first came to Sydney as a boy from the Country to work on the "Daily Telegraph", the 1890 strike had left its mark on politics and the Labor party as we know it today was being born.

"There was also a party in the 1891 Parliament in which Dibbs had succeeded Parkes as Premier; but the Labor members were not a unified group and split on several political issues, particularly Protection and Freetrade, or the fiscal issue, as it was called.

"Chris Watson, afterwards to be Australia's first Labor Premier, presided over the Central Executive of Labor Electoral League which met regu-



PERCY HUNTER, with Australia House, London, in the background.

larly in the Queen's Hall near the corner of Pitt and Bathurst Streets.

"It was one of my jobs to report these gatherings, and there I met Billy Hughes and Bill Holman, then young men fired by lofty ideals and full of enthusiasm for the new party. I saw a good deal of the making of the Party which, owing to the fierce determination of the Hughes and Holman that it should be an effective group, adopted the principle of the Parnellite pledge which has governed the Labor movement ever since.

In the 1894 elections the Labor Party had considerable success and held the balance of power. Under the leadership of Jim McGowen they supported George Reid through two parliaments, the first of which duly lasted a year. In 1898, Billy Hughes swung the Labor men behind Bill Lyne in return for a promise to introduce early closing and other measures dear to the Labor heart.

"The Federal movement had meanwhile been growing and the Conventions of 1898, in Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne, finally adopted a constitution which the various State Parliaments undertook to submit to the electors. After a good many hesitations, the constitution was

accepted and the Federation established.

"In the meantime I had made a trip to London where for a time I worked in the Agent General's Office and on the "Daily Mail," a newspaper just established by Alfred Harmsworth and Kennedy Jones. George Bull, who formerly worked on the "Star" in Sydney, was a member of "Daily Mail" staff. He afterwards left the press and went into the theatrical world, doing publicity work for Bob Courtneidge, father of Cecily.

"I returned to Sydney and went to work on the "Daily Telegraph" again in time to see Lord Hopetoun commission Bill Lyne to form the first Federal Government to the unbridled rage of the Federal group.

Political Rumpus

"B. R. Wise was then Attorney General in the Lyne State Government. Lyne came down to the Athenaeum Club, and, seeing Wise, said to him: "Wise, the Governor General has just asked me to form the first Federal Government." "Oh!" said Wise, "I don't think I can join you." "Manners to wait till you're asked." grunted old Bill. But he would have done better to have kept his information to himself as Wise hopped into the Melbourne express and corralled Deakin, Kingston and all the lively Federal Ministers on the Protectionist side to boycott Lyne.

"If Lyne had stuck out, he could have formed a Govt. George Reid could have joined him but he had not the stamina needed to go on with his hereditary enemy, and the consequence was that Victorian Protectionists had it all their own way and the Government was formed with Barton as the figurehead.

See next column

HENRICKS' GREAT SWIM

A PAT on the back to Jon Henricks for his magnificent swim in Hawaii in which he beat all comers and swam 55.8 secs for 100 metres, the best yet for a race swim in a 50 metres lap.

The swim was really wonderful as Jon was competing in his off season. It was just as well Tattersall's had a pool where he was enabled to get in some

training before he went off to beat Cleveland and the rest.

Reports say that Henricks was behind at the turn and came on in the second lap to win by a yard. Well, it just bears out what we have always said, that Jon is the greatest race swimmer and judge of pace Australia has ever seen. That probably goes for the world as well. He may well prove that at the Olympic Games in Melbourne in 1956.

"In those days the Sydney newspapers were profitable and powerful. The "Daily Telegraph" established in the eighties by Victorians, and edited by Lachlan Brient, was a brilliant organ of popular opinion staffed by a galaxy of talent. Brient had with him men like John Farrell, Tom Courtney, Harry Peters, Ernest Blackwell, Tom Roydhouse Westlake, Bob Nall, Harry Taperell, George Wynne, Stephen Piper, Frank Wilkinson Leech, Jim Donovan, Bob Mostyn and others who produced a fine paper. It had great political power which did not wane until Brient left the editorial chair. From that time the paper declined.

"The Herald also had a fine staff and these were good newspapermen on the old "Star" and "Evening News". It was the day also of the weekly paper and the "Sydney Mail" and "Town and Country Journal" in Sydney and the "Australasian" in Melbourne had a fine vogue.

"I was on the "Daily Telegraph" until 1906 when the Government asked me to establish a Tourist Bureau. Sir Joseph Carruthers was Premier. He had not been knighted at that time. He was a splendid administrator, prudent in managing the finances and keen to keep down ex-

penditure. He used to say that the only money any good to the Government was what was left in the pocket of the taxpayers. It is a pity that that point of view has gone out of fashion.

"Immigration was tacked on to the Tourist Bureau soon after I started, and I spent a good deal of the next 20 years in London finally managing a joint Dept. for Victoria and N.S.W. Then, in 1920 Billy Hughes asked me to establish a Commonwealth Immigration Department which I did and was in London from 1920 to 1925 when I returned to Australia and have been here since."

GREAT STICKER

TOLD by Mr. Justice Herron, R.U. president: The late J. M. Dunningham, sometime Minister for Labor, who used to represent Randwick on the R.U. council, rose at a meeting and mentioned a rumour that the selectors intended to pick the State team from a hat. J. M. D. proceeded: "With that I have no complaint. It has been the practice for years. But, Mr. President, for heaven's sake see that the names of some Randwick players get into the hat this year." Jack Dunningham was Treasurer of this Club before entering politics.

MIDWEEK KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

The weather has again been most unkind to us, but we were fortunate in completing our mid-week knockout competition.

IN the semi-final, Don Passmore, Ron Spencer, Cedric Emanuel and Gordon Booth (Tattersalls) were just beaten by E. McDonald's (Insurance) team by two points, while Alf Schar's Greenkeeper's team had a comfortable win over Bill O'Neill's City Tattersalls Boys. The final between Alf Schar (Greenkeepers) and E. McDonald (Insurance) was keenly contested and the winner was in doubt almost to the final bowl, with the Greenkeepers emerging victors by 2 shots.

In presenting the trophies, President Gordon Booth, congratulated the winners, and runners up, and expressed the wish that both teams would be represented next year.

It is interesting to note the number of times Gordon Booth has been in either a semi-final or final without just getting the No. 1 flag. On four different occasions in the last few months he has played in the final of the triples at Double Bay, but like the spider, he will never give up. The day he runs out the winner he will have a host of friends to congratulate him.

Six bowler-fishermen of our club journeyed to the South Coast recently to have a week's bowling and fishing. The weather prevented the bowling, and I understand had a great deal to do with their luck in catching anything in the way of big fish. "The Chief" hurried home on the last day exhibiting a three-pound Schnapper, the prize of the week

only to be confronted by Alan Turner nonchalantly carrying a 20 lb. Schnapper he landed at Palm Beach. To add insult to injury, he handed out a number of six and ten pounders to his friends. These he had caught that morning in an hours pre-breakfast jaunt.

From Coolangatta comes news of those impressable bowlers that follow the sun. Every day a "Grudge Game" is on, but, so far, no scores to hand.

Tattersalls bowlers offer congratulations to our member, Adolf Basser, on the decoration bestowed on him in the Queen's Birthday honours.

Still Going Strong

FRANK UNDERWOOD, at 80 odd, might not have come through a serious illness recently, but for his stout heart and indomitable will to win. The spirit which carried him forward in his Rugby Union years against the heftiest packs of Britain and N.Z. could not be subdued.

We will be greeting soon again this grand sportsman and former committeeman in the club, and it is hoped he will be on deck to present the F. G. Underwood Cup, so named in his honor by Sydney Turf Club, of which he is a committeeman.

CORNELIUS WARRE DAM'S record of 15 ft. 8 in. has stood for 12 years despite attempts by Pole-vaulters using new techniques. Best Australian effort is about 2 ft. less.

from the other wing to stop what looked like certain tries.

Probably the selectors could pick a side from these two clubs big enough and good enough to put up against the mighty All Blacks, but it is the glamour sides of Manly and University that supply the bulk of the Australian side.

Now, with the selection of the touring side close at hand, the battle for positions is intense. Particularly is this so in the front row with at least eight with strong claims, among them: Nick Sheheadie, Max Elliott, Kev Ellis, Bob Davidson, Jack Carroll and Don Strachan. Strachan comes from the Orange District and was a member of the Country Rugby Union side which toured New Zealand last season.

In The Country

Rugby Union strength is increasing rapidly in the country. This year the boys from the bush are touring Queensland prior to playing City. Country regard the game against City as a real grudge match and are leaving nothing undone to win.

With the redoubtable Cyril Bourke to lead them and players of the calibre of Don Strachan in the side, country could achieve that ambition.

Thus the next month is vital to all Union players.

OBITUARIES

George Christie
elected 20/4/1953

Died 3/6/1955

H. D. McRae

Elected 21/6/1937

Died 4/6/1955

A. F. Wilkinson

Elected 19/10/1925

Died 11/6/1955

G. H. Miller

Elected 28/2/1955

Died 22/6/1955

The Great Costica Farce

A Darcy Memory

A good many followers of boxing must have heard the story of the Darcy-Costica farce; but it is such a good story and, as a boxing story, has the rare merit of truth, that it bears retelling if even to clean up speculation as to why Costica quit so quickly.

FIRST of all, let us recall the night that Costica was introduced to a Sydney Stadium audience as "the Rumanian Champion". He looked very foreign. At that state of world war I, Rumania was in the boom. Things were not going to well for the Allies, and Rumania had either entered the war or was about to enter.

Consequently, to be a Rumanian champion, even if fighting away from home, was better (from the publicity angle) than being, say, a Greek champion even if determined to go to Greece in the event of that country being attacked.

Costica's Pose

So the crowd cheered rapturously and Costica was much impressed. "I maka da peoples ver' 'appy," he said.

There was no gainsaying that he was a splendid physical specimen. Those around the ring that night commented on the fact. His skin was as brown and healthy looking as that of a Bondi beltman; and he looked hard.

Costica might have made some sort of showing against Darcy had not some of the American contingent — in particular Jimmy Clabby and Red Watson — decided to have a joke at the Rumanian champion's expense.

One day while Costica was training Clabby dropped in and, in his casual way, asked: "What are you doing Costica?" The Rumanian answered with some surprise: "I traina for da fight wit' Darcy." Clabby regarded

him whimsically: "Well, I don't see you doing much falling, Costica." The Rumanian did not get him. "Falling," Clabby repeated. "Costica, you should practice that." A pause, then: "It's about all you'll do."

All might have gone well, or fairly well, for Costica had the joke been allowed to finish there. As it happened, Costica found that quite a number of people professing friendship were throwing him the same advice. He was given Darcy's record with the advice to take it home and study it, making particular note of the fact that "K.O." meant "Knock-out."

On the night of the fight Costica was in a state of terror and at the Stadium he exclaimed: "Darcy, he killa me, sure!" Just as Costica was about to leave his dressing room for the ring Clabby dolefully shook hands with him and Red Watson, in the exuberance of his sorrow, even kissed the Rumanian champion.

Darcy Mystified

Darcy knew nothing of these capers and, it was said subsequently, had expected a tough effort. Imagine his surprise, therefore, when at the bell the Rumanian attempted to hug him to death. Les pushed him off and gave him a slap, but the fellow was too terrified to proceed. He fell about Darcy's knees and endeavoured to upend him.

So ended the greatest farce staged at the Stadium. The crowd laughed its way out into the street and home on the trams.

BACK TO 1908

OF THE R.U. team representing Australia which won Olympic honours in 1908 only five survive: P. A. (Paddy) McCue (Cronulla), W. B. Carroll (America), P. Carmichael (Brisbane), M. Macarthur (Riverina), C. J. (Boxer) Russell (Tempe). Those who have passed on: C. H. McKivett, J. J. Hickey, S. A. Middleton, T. J. Griffin (Glebe), A. J. McCabe (South Sydney), T. J. Barnett (Newtown), R. R. Craig (Balmain), C. McMurtrie (Orange), T. J. Richards (Queensland), Bede Smith (Wellington, N. S.W.).

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GEORGE PARKE, chairman of the Union of Old Athletes, says: Jimmy Carlton would have gone to the Olympic Games in 1932, and possibly have won the 100 yards and 220 yards, but for the disappointment he suffered by having time equalling the world's record over 220 yards disallowed because of wind assistance.

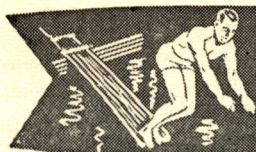
George Parke added: "If a wind really chases a runner round a half-circular course, surely it retards him in some places if it assists him in others. Jimmy's time should have been conceded, in my opinion."

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HAVING retired from high-pressure politics, Sir Winston Churchill has set himself the herculean task of winning the English Derby, with time running out on him.

He has bought a property and brood mares. He already has several good yearlings and will bid up for a first-class one at this year's Newmarket sales.

He is a wily horse trader. He paid £2,000 sterling for his best horse yet, Colonist II, French bred, won £13,000 in stakes with it and sold it for £7,000.



IN AND OUT OF THE POOL

Clive Hoole Wins May-June Point Score

Clive Hoole, who has been prominent in Club swimming ever since the swimmers went into action again after the war, gained a well-deserved victory in the May-June Point Score, but he was a wee bit lucky in the draw for the deciding final.

HIS closest rival, with a race to go, was Fred Harvie, who seems destined never to win a Point Score, two and half points behind.

A draw for the finals put Harvie in the four man final and Hoole in that with three starters. Clive had to swim a place to take the trophy. It was just as well Harvie was not in his final for the former could only swim third. If the draw had been the other way, Harvie would almost certainly have led the point scorers as he won his final in fine style.

However, Clive, under doctor's orders, has announced his retirement from active swimming at the end of this season; so his win was timely. At that he goes out in a blaze of glory for in a later race he broke his time with a 23-sec. swim and had his handicap reduced for a second time in a few weeks.

It now appears to be a case of "you can put down your glasses" in the tussle for the "Native Son" Trophy, presented annually by Bill Kirwan.

Geoff Laforest has increased his lead over Fred Harvie and, with only two races to go to the end of the season, Geoff has a handy lead of $8\frac{1}{2}$ points, with Harvie equally sure to land sec-

ond place as he is 11 points ahead of Harold Herman.

Laforest has just made it, too, as he will leave on July 19th for a three months' stay in England. Pity he will not be at the ball to receive his trophy.

Harold Herman is having a hard go for third place and things were not made easier for him when he lost a second from his handicap in a recent race. Just now he is seven points ahead of Stewart Murray, who hasn't had much luck this season, with Bob Harris, "Native Son" winner of last season, only $3\frac{1}{2}$ points away, one and a half ahead of Hoole.

Bad Break

Things never seem to break Murray's way. He must have wondered what he had done, when, in a recent Brace Relay final he was sandwiched at the turn and put right out of the event. It was bad luck as his partner, Bob Harris, finished so well, despite the setback, that they might easily have been well up in the placings.

In the current Point Score, last of the season, Peter Lindsay and Jack Shaffran are level in front. Jack has just returned to racing after a long spell and has done remarkably well while Peter has been getting into final placings for some time and is due for a win.

Yet both may be headed by Dr. Les Bear, a new member, who has been most enthusiastic and has shown great improvement weekly. Now that he has learned to start and turn reasonably well he must take beating. This was shown in his first win in which he cut nearly two seconds off his previous best time. Congratulations, Les!

Best Times

Best times of the month were: 21 secs by Fred Harvie, 21.3 by Geoff Laforest and 21.5 by Bob Harris and Harvie.

As the season draws to its close the swimmers appear to get faster. At any rate, Harvie, Herman, Hoole and Bear all broke their times and dropped in handicap in recent races.

By the time this edition is distributed, the 40 yards Club Championship, set down for July 12 and 14, will have been swum and won. At time of writing it appeared certain that Bill Kendall would be a competitor and that means a ready-made favourite for the race. The trophies for this event have, as usual, been donated by Committeeman A. G. Collins.

RESULTS

7th June, 40 yards Handicap:
1st Division Final—F. Harvie (22) 1, G. Laforest (22) and R. Harris (22) 2. Time 21.5 secs.
2nd Division Final—J. Shaffran (25) 1, P. Lindsay (26) 2, C. Hoole (24) 3. Time 24.8 secs.

14th June, 80 yards Brace Relay Handicap—J. Shaffran and F. Muller (51) 1, P. Lindsay and G. Laforest (48) 2, G. Eastment and G. Boulton (49) 3. Time 48.6 secs.

Swimming

21st June, 40 yards Handicap:
1st Division Final—Dr. L. Bear
(26) 1, P. Lindsay (26) 2, H.
Herman (27) 3. Time 24.1 secs.
2nd Division Final—C. Hoole
(24) 1, J. Shaffran (25) and
C. Bowes (24) 2. Time 23.5
secs.

MAY-JUNE POINT SCORE

This series resulted:— C.
Hoole 26, 1; F. Harvie 25½, 2;
P. Lindsay 23, 3; R. Harris 21½,
4; H. Herman 20½, 5; G. East-
ment 19½, 6; F. L. Bowes and
A. McCamley 18, 7; G. Laforest
17, 9; S. Murray 15, 10; J. Shaf-
fran, Dr. L. Bear and A. Allsop
14, 11.

JUNE-JULY POINT SCORE

With two events to complete
it, leaders in this series were:—
P. Lindsay and J. Shaffran 14,
Dr. L. Bear 12½, F. Muller 12, G.
Laforest 11½, C. Hoole 11, C.
Bowes 9½, H. Herman, S. Murray
and R. Harris 9, A. McCamley
8, T. Barrell, F. Harvie and G.
Boulton 7, C. Godhard 6.

"NATIVE SON" POINT SCORE

With two events to complete
it, leaders in this series, for all
points scored during the season
were:— G. Laforest 171, F.
Harvie 162½, H. Herman 151½,
S. Murray 144½, R. Harris 141,

THE LEAGUE'S BEST TEAM OF ALL TIME

Sydney columnist invited to pick "the best League team of all time" replied: "A monstrous proposition. Anybody attempting so much would qualify for the larger lunacy."

THERE is not one "world's
greatest team of all time";
there are many. Personnel is a
matter of preference among in-
dividual choosers, and variations
in selection are not a matter of
competence.

Everybody's judgment is en-
titled to consideration. By every-
body I mean the fellow who
follows the game week and week
about, as well the critics, so
called. Why not?

In my time I have written
Test matches — England V.
Australia and N.Z. V. Australia

— in the Union and League
codes — but I do not consider
myself capable of naming a
world's best; in Union any
more than in League.

All form is relative. The play-
ers of a particular period are
appraised by their showing
against their contemporaries.

HALLETT OR CHURCHILL?

Those who did not see, say,
Hallett, could not compare him
as a full back with, say, Church-
ill. But it is a fact that Hallett,
in his period, was considered to
be in a class by himself, just
as Churchill, in League is re-
garded today.

Even among us who saw both
full backs opinions vary. The
League president (Mr. Flegg)
rated Churchill "greatest of all
Australian League full backs."

That is not the way I see it.
Hallett was the greatest full
back in my memory of Union
and League codes, including
players of all countries. Claude

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| K. Ranger | „ 90 v. | |
| E. A. Halcroft | „ 105 v. | |

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THE FIRST COLT FOAL BY MIGHTY TULYAR

There was tremendous interest in Ireland, as indeed in racing circles throughout the world, in the advent this year of the first crop of foals by Tulyar. This great horse, champion three-year-old in Europe in 1952, was purchased by the Irish National Stud in the following year from his owner-breeder, the Aga Khan, for the record sum of £250,000.

TULYAR, foaled in May, 1949 at the Giltown Stud in County Kildare, was sent to the Sheshoon Stud in the same county where he remained until sent to Newmarket, England to be trained.

As a late foal it is not surprising that his first success as a two-year-old was not achieved until the Autumn. This was in a mile Nursery Handicap followed a month later by another success with top-weight, in a similar type of event. As a three-year-old the colt was unbeaten in his seven races which included the Derby and St. Leger. His total winnings aggregated £76,417 (\$213,970) — a record that was enhanced by the fact that he only raced for two seasons.

Tulyar took up stud duties in 1954 at the National Stud at Tully, Co. Kildare, a short distance from his natal place. His fee of £600, with a 50 per cent. remission if there is no foal, cannot be regarded as extravagant in view of his race record and his pedigree. Home and British breeders were clamant for his services and America responded by the purchase of several mares covered by him.

Tulyar's first foal was born in California on January 29. This was a boy filly out of Sabzy by Stardust out of Sarita, by Swynford out of Molly Desmond a daughter of Pretty Polly.

Sabzy was purchased for £8,000 at the Newmarket sales.

The filly foal carries two crosses of the illustrious Admiration blood through Pretty Polly and Stafaralla.

Tulyar's first colt foal was fittingly born at the Irish National Stud. His dam was

the Bahram mare Valient, who has bred both Banri Croga and Banri Calma. The latter was one of the top rank two-year old fillies in Ireland three years ago. The foal comes from the celebrated Trustful family, which has produced numerous high class winners in recent years including the St. Leger winner destined for America, as his dam was purchased a couple of months ago from the National Stud by a breeder in Texas.

The next Tulyar foal was also dropped in County Kildare at the Kildangan Stud. This was



TULYAR'S FOAL—Continued

a bay colt out of Respite, by Flag of Truce out of Orama, by Diophon. He is cast in the same mould and has the same forehead blaze as his celebrated half-brother Nearula, winner of the 1953 English 2,000 Guineas. He traces back to Brierbush who was the fourth dam of that great Australian horse Bernborough.

Another filly foal born in America is out of Bray Melody, by Coup de Lyon out of Painter's Song. Bray Melody is the dam of Happy Laughter, the best filly in England two seasons ago and winner of nine races of a total value of over £22,000. Bray Melody was represented last year by State Trumpeter, a good staying two-year-old, who won the New Ham Stakes at Goodwood and the Criterion Stakes at Newmarket. He was graded 8 st. 10 lbs. in the English Free Handicap.

Ancestry

Among the first mares to foal in England were two Irish Classic winners Suntop and Nashua. The former, winner of the two fillies classics in 1943, is the dam of the near classic colt Burnt Brown who scored in nine races worth more than £10,000. Nashua won the 1,000 Guineas in 1952. Both these filly foals are bay.

Back in Ireland two more foals had been born at the National Stud, a grey filly out of Star Sapphire by Mahmoud out of Cumha, and a bay/brown filly out of Visite Royale by Admiral Drake out of Magdalena. The Star Sapphire filly is a half-sister to Gorm Anna who carried the President's Colours to success as a two-year-old, while Visite Royale is the dam of Garde Royale, winner of the Stud Produce Stakes at New-

market in 1953. Both these fillies have been nominated for the 1957 Pimlico Futurity.

Tulyar has got off to a fine start. In his initial season at stud, he covered 28 mares and of these 21 have been reported definitely in foal. From the breeding notes on the early arrivals given above, it will be seen that his first crop are representative of some of the finest blood lines in the world.

LANDAU, the Queen's horse for which the Victorian studmaster, Underwood, paid £20,000, is described by an Australian who saw Landau race: "Bred in the purple and as handsome as paint. Could have done better as a racehorse if, instead of coddling, he had undergone a little gentle urging by one or two Australian jockeys who need not be named."

"THE THOROUGHBRED", U.S. publication, suggests that the American horse should race on a global scale. Air transport has made it theoretically possible for an American horse to win in California, Europe, England, Brazil and Australia, all in the one year.

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OVERLOOKED is that American horses cannot enter this country without a period of quarantine. Anyhow the American horse which could undergo variations in climate, food and water on the scale suggested and win, would indeed be colossal.

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Golfer's Soliloquy

Club member missing from the links of late is reported to have deserted to fishing and gone to Belmont (near New-castle) with his wife's permission, provided he brought back "a lot of fish."

To golf or fish;

*To smash a ball and see it spin,
or angle in some placid,
sleepy stream;*

*To swing the iron club of resolution,
or cast the sordid line of stolid
patience;*

*To force and smash, or watch
and wait;*

*To play for holes or dig for bait—
Those are the questions.*

*Whether it is nobler on a parent's
part to go to Belmont and
avoid the wifely scorn, or
steal unto the links and risk
it;*

*To swing, to miss; to get down
in the rough and curse, or
by a turn to say: "We end
the heartache — and the back-
ache — and the pains and the
thousand natural shocks that we
are heir to. But may I scheme
when I go home—*

Without the fish?

*'Tis a consummation devoutly to be
wished.*

*To buy the fish en route; to tell
a tale; and then, perchance,
be unbelievably and sore sus-
pected;*

Aye! There's the rub.

For in that fabrication

*What scorns may come and children
four demand—*

"The fish that father caught!"

*When I have played it in the hole
from out the rough, what prof-
iteth my bliss marital?*

*For who can bear the whips and
scorns of her and them.*

Demanding — fish?

*Might not mine clubs be turned
against me?*

*Such contemplation grave must give
me pause.*

*The taunts of friends; the club-
man's contumely;*

*The pangs of conscience and duress
of mind; the spurns that pat-
ient merit of the unworthy
takes—*

*When I might thus my reputation
seal with rod and line.*

*Who would bear to grunt and wait
in some small anchored craft,
but for the dread of being
pressed for explanations?*

*The sleeping dog of sore suspicion
which, when once aroused, no
man can hope escape; and
makes us rather bear the ills
we have than fly to others
that we wot not of.*

*And thus (as Shakespeare wrote)
the native hue of resolution is
sickled o'er with the pale cast
of thought;*

*And enterprises of great pith and
moment their purposes defeat,
and lose the name of action.*

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The Sporting Screen

STRANGE that no sporting writer should have remembered that Arthur Duffy, who died recently in the U.S., figured in a sensational incident on S.C.G. in the early years of the century, when matched over 100 yards against Australia's greatest amateurs, Nigel Barker and Stanley Rowley.

Duffy was said to have beaten the gun and Barker and Rowley chased him for a yard or so. All were recalled by the starter. The American ran through and refused to re-run the race.

Barker, also an international R.U. winger, said later:— "I should have chased the American. I was a stronger finisher."

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"SPORT AND COUNTRY" (England) reporting the New-market horse sales:— "English was undoubtedly the prevailing language with U.S. and Eire dead-heating for second place."

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EDWIN PENFOLD presented this club with a framed copy of a supplement to Sydney "Star" — predecessor of the "Sun" — dated March 9, 1895.

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PETER BURGE, young Queenslander playing with the Australian XI on the West Indies tour, has a memorable name. In the early years of the century, Peter Burge played R.U. for N.S.W. and Australia. His brothers, "Son", Laidley and Frank also made the headlines in later years.

Blair Swannell rated Peter Burge and Paddy McCue as greatest second-row forwards he had played against.

OLD BOYS of The King's School — alma mater of Frank Underwood — seeking at a reunion niches and pillars where they had scratched or chiselled their names — it's done at all the best schools — might have noticed those of Charles Gregory (later Sir Charles) Wade, sometime Premier of N.S.W. and R.U. international, and Paddy Lane, R.U. international who represented N.S.W. while still at school.

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HERB DONNISON senior U.L.V.A. vice-president, had smoked cigarettes from his 18th to his 21st year before discarding them in favour of chocolates, because the smokes and the sweets did not mix. He refrained from smoking for 22 years and then returned to the habit by chance, or mischance.

In the lounge of a city hotel with his wife, the air cloudy with cigarette smoke, Herb remarked: "How silly to be smoking other peoples fags; that is, inhaling the smoke they exhale". He called the waiter, ordered a packet, and has since been an addict.

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JUST what chance can do: Dave Tarrant, Bill Ford, Roy Barmby, Wally Grainger and George Harper had been playing dominoes in the club at luncheon-

hour for nearly 25 years. Came a day recently when George drew six blanks. "If I don't win this game, I'll never play dominoes again," he proclaimed.

George did not win — and that's why the group switched to Ricketty Kate.

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ERIC PETRIE, member of an old Brisbane family, so old that it gave its name to Petrie's Bight, an important segment of the city, returned to native habitat to see the Stradbroke Handicap — Brisbane Cup run. He favours for the Cup The Wash, three-year-old, carrying 7.12, conqueror of Pride of Egypt in the Q.T.C. Leger. The Wash won.

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HENRY BRASCH, one of the veteran club members, and a regular patron, enjoys his flutter at the races, investing a little to provide that extra interest which is the relish of the sport.

Henry knows one racecourse cert, as he says, and that is: "You can't beat the books all of the time. Invest to win a little or lose a little, and never chase losses on the day."

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S.A.C. committee claims in R. J. Baitley a skipper in the eighteens who held his own against Chris Webb and Duncan and the rest.

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IRISH-BRED horses won the three Grand Nationals: English, Irish and Welsh.

Quare Times' success at Aintree, carrying 11st. through a virtual 4½ mile quagmire at the rate of 25 m.p.h., was a remarkable performance.

Time taken for the race was 10 min. 20-3/5 secs. Best time, 9 mins. 20-1/5 secs, was registered by the Irish-bred Reynoldstown, carrying 11st. 4lbs. in 1935.

Possibly a better performance was that of another Irish horse, Golden Miller, which carried 12 lb. more in 2/5 sec. longer in the 1934 race. The underfoot conditions then were excellent.

The three placed horses in this years English Grand National were bred in Ireland. First and third were trained there.

JOHNNY LONGDEN is the iron man of present day jockeys (reports "Olympian", journal of Olympic Club, San Francisco). In the 28 years that he has been racing he has piloted more than 4,500 winners and has amassed a fortune in fees and bonus money.

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C. M. GLYNN, who died recently, thought racing would provide him with an interest on his retiring from business. He did not persevere, mainly because he came by a duffer early in the proceedings. He used to say: "I sold the nag to Singapore. I would have let him go more cheaply if his destination had been even farther."

"SYDNEY MORNING HERALD" made fun of a protest of Brisbane housewives against nine eggs being fed daily to Diecast during his preparation for the Stradbroke Handicap, while Queenslanders were queuing for a miserable quarter dozen:

"These were Victorian eggs brought specially to Queensland for a Victorian horse, under Section 92 of the Constitution."

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STORY was told in the club of John Wren's haggling with an American wrestler whom John had determined to discipline into respecting contractual obligations.

When the dialectical bout had concluded the American asked: "Mr. Wren, who is the greatest wrestler in the world?" John Wren: "Why you, of course" American: "No, No — it's you."

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"RAPIER", writing in "Sport and Country" (England), advocated reduction of the tax on totalisator profits adding: "Racing wants £1,000,000 a year to put it on a sound financial basis."

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BILL SHANKLAND, who represented Australia at League football, played later with an English club, and is now one of England's top-ranking golfers, could not make the grade in football here until a sports writer suggested that Bill learn to sidestep off his right foot, inside his opponent, as well as he side-stepped off his left foot, outside his opponent.

Shankland bought a pair of running shoes with spikes and put in many hours of practice before perfecting the side-step off both feet. Then he became international class.

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JIMMY FARRELL, Irish international forward here with the British R.U. team of 1929, bred thoroughbred horses on his farm in the Ould Sod and his greatest product was a winner of the Cesarewitch Stakes, famous English race of 2½ miles.

"But, gentlemen," he told a group in our club, "twas unfortunate that I should sill the colt as a yearlin'." One of the group

LEAGUE TEAM

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Corbett and I were in agreement on this score up to the time of his death.

Thus I would play Hallett full back in the world's best team in preference to Sullivan or Nepia or Ross or Puig-Aubert (or Churchill).

Who should be half back — McKivott, Parkin or Thompson, to name only three?

A Dozen Maybe

Think back over the candidates for the other back positions and decide, not so much who should be put in, as who could be left out. Same with forwards.

At a conservative estimate I could choose half a dozen teams in world class. So might you if you thought hard enough. Your difficulty would be mine — taking players out of one period and measuring their form with that of players of another period and for other periods.

So I leave off about as bogged by that monstrous proposition as would anyone setting out to scale that Mt. Everest of contradictions and frustrations.

If compulsory enlistment of critics ever be enacted in that world's best controversy, you may bet and bat I'll be found among the conscientious objectors.

listening suggested that the price would have been at least 5,000 guineas. "Not at all", Farrell retorted, "twas a phaltry £50."

Then Jimmy explained this seeming show of Irish generosity: "We were both dhrunk at the time, but the buyer was not quite so dhrunk as I, to be sure."

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WRITER of this note was asked by a club member to name a horse of which the member expected great things, adding: "I thought of a name myself which I like." The writer advised: "Then stick to it and if the colt came good and you chose a name suggested by an outsider you would not be happy. It's your horse, you pay, and you should decide."

Incidentally, choosing a name is not easy, otherwise there would be fewer ill-sounding, and ill-meaning tags.

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THIS year's age tennis championships at White City attracted 1,640 entries (including doubles): boys, 618; girls, 485; total, 1,103. Those formidable figures reveal intense organisation by N.S.W. Lawn Tennis Association.

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FOR a number of years old-time drapers of Sydney carried out successful race meetings on a course at Petersham and afterwards at Homebush. "The Sportsman's Calendar" of 1845 recorded that the original Farmer of Farmer & Co. Ltd. won a double at the Drapers' meeting at Homebush on January 27, 1845.

In the Ladies' Purse he rode the winner, and also scored in the Beaten Purse.

Profits of that meeting went to the Benevolent Asylum. Who knows but benefited thereby some husbands reduced to near-penury by fashionable wives?

WHEN football matches pulled out of the fire are quoted, perhaps the palm should be awarded that in which Queensland beat N.S.W. in 1883. Three minutes before time, N.S.W. led 11-3. Then Pring Roberts (Q.) picked up in his own 25 and ran through the field. Harry Pritchard converted.

"Jumbo Walker, kicking off for N.S.W., attempted to put the ball into touch with a minute to go and Harry Pritchard (Q.) took a flying catch near the line, ran toward the centre, steadied himself, and potted a four-pointer and thus Queensland won 12-11.

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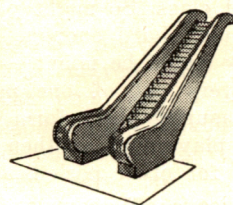


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Looking Back on Tattersall's Club

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MENTIONED in personal paragraphs: J. A. Chew, Alf Levy, C. E. Hall, Frank Buckle, F. J. Carberry, A. E. Grounds.

INTRODUCED to the billiards room: Ernie Walcott and Hector Boyd. In the Club Tournament, J. D. Williamson put it over Bill Boyd with what was described as "a great array of flukes."

GOLF at the Lakes and Manly:

A. S. Griffney and A. J. Chown won the foursome trophies (donated by W. C. Goodwin and E.A. Nettlefold) with a card of four up from H. H. McIntosh and K. A. Bennett.

Then Jim Normoyle won the A. C. Ingham Cup with a card of 69. John Hickey's trophy was won by R. Barmby, W. Giffneys by Fred Paul, W. Ditfort's by T. Fitzsimmons, C. R. Tarrant by W. W. Hill.

REFERENCE to "the dashing Hans Robertson" as the Club's best all-round sportsman, and report of a presentation on the eve of his marriage.

JEAN BATTEN, famous aviatrix, entertained in Club and shown in picture with F. G. Underwood, Mrs. C. L. Westcott, W. W. Hill (chairman).

ARTICLE on career of E. J. Watt, A.J.C. committeeman and owner, mentioning races he had won.

JAMES BARNES, former chairman, congratulated on his 78th birthday. (A painting of the Grand Old Man in the Club keeps his memory living).

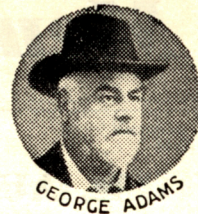
CHARLIE HALL and Bill Longworth written of as deadly rivals in a billiards match, but eating from the one tray in an interval.

SPORTING BITS

ARNOLD DRURY, member of the B.O.A.C. crew which handed over the comet, York Peter, at Rome, shortly before it crashed — there were no survivors — saw the Second Test cricket match in Sydney in the company of fellow Yorkshireman, W.I. Hill.

Arnold Drury told: "An umpire came back with a stump broken by Statham's bowling. I offered to take the stump inside and, getting it, ducked round the back of the pavilion. Unfortunately, I ran into an official who took from me what I thought I had for keeps as a souvenir."

APPARENTLY brass knuckles and knives were banned in the Pan-American water-polo trails to represent the U.S. at the Pan-American Games in Mexico, but that was about all.



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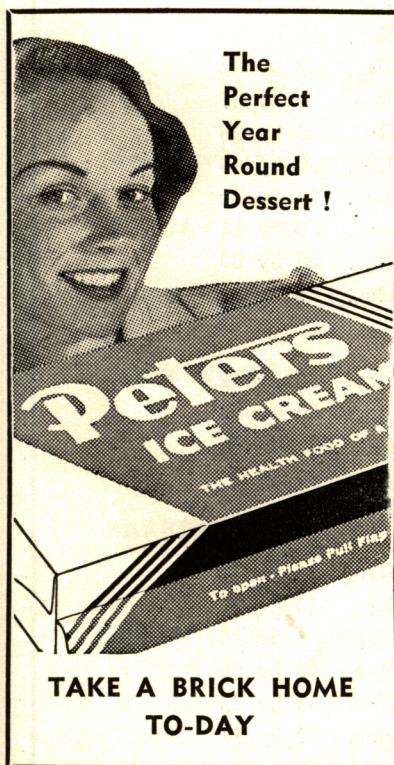
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| R. F. Rattray | Rec. 115 beat J. F. O'Sullivan | Rec. 100 by forfeit |
| L. H. Howarth | Rec. 100 beat L. J. Fingleton | Rec. 105 by 26 |
| C. H. Oswald-Sealey | Rec. 85 beat F. E. Headlam | Rec. 55 by 85 |
| E. W. Abbott | Rec. 130 beat E. J. Baulman | Rec. 115 by 66 |

2nd Round

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|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| A. V. Miller | Rec. 35 beat K. F. E. Fidden | Rec. 115 by 45 |
| J. H. Peoples | Rec. 110 beat J. D. Hickey | Rec. 120 by 21 |
| W. G. Hutchinson | Rec. 110 beat J. Harris | Rec. 95 by 16 |
| W. Longworth | Owes 100 beat E. A. Westhoff | Rec. 75 by 76 |
| C. H. Oswald-Sealey | Rec. 85 beat D. N. Alexander | Rec. 125 by 39 |
| E. K. White | Rec. 100 beat Dr. N. H. Rose | Rec. 70 by 51 |
| R. G. Mead | Rec. 125 beat P. N. Roach | Rec. 120 by 32 |
| G. R. Bryden | Rec. 80 beat V. L. Kirby | Rec. 90 by 72 |
| J. P. O'Neill | Rec. 70 beat L. J. Haigh | Rec. 60 by 22 |
| H. Hill | Rec. 90 beat R. F. Rattray | Rec. 115 by 31 |

GRAND SNOOKER TOURNAMENT up to and including 28th June, 1955

2nd ROUND (Continued)

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| K. F. E. Fidden | Rec. 32 beat A. J. Howarth | Rec. 35 by forfeit |
| R. G. Mead | Rec. 50 beat F. J. Alderman | Rec. 35 by 32 |
| N. C. White | Rec. 50 beat I. E. Stanford | Rec. 45 by 20 |
| Jack Davis | Rec. 55 beat G. R. Bryden | Rec. 32 by 43 |
| J. H. Peoples | Rec. 33 beat A. H. Charleston | Rec. 50 by 37 |
| J. A. Shaw | Rec. 52 beat D. Lotherington | Rec. 60 by 29 |
| H. H. Robinson | Rec. 50 beat N. Seamonds | Rec. 60 by 46 |
| L. J. Haigh | Rec. 40 beat J. Harris | Rec. 45 by 10 |
| C. M. McCallum | Rec. 37 beat R. B. Barmby | Rec. 50 by 11 |
| C. O. Chambers | Rec. 50 beat A. J. Murphy | Rec. 50 by 30 |
| C. K. MacDonald | Rec. 40 beat H. W. Reilly | Rec. 45 by 32 |

3rd ROUND

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|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Dr. N. H. Rose | Rec. 40 beat L. J. Haigh | Rec. 40 by 42 |
| J. W. Rogan | Rec. 40 beat L. J. Fingleton | Rec. 50 by 38 |
| H. Hill | Rec. 43 beat P. N. Roach | Rec. 55 by 25 |
| A. J. Chown | Rec. 25 beat R. G. Mead | Rec. 50 by 22 |
| H. F. R. Brooks | Rec. 40 beat A. M. Watson | Rec. 30 by 11 |
| C. H. Oswald-Sealey | Rec. 43 beat K. F. E. Fidden | Rec. 32 by 35 |
| H. G. Parr | Rec. 50 beat J. D. Hickey | Rec. 50 by 14 |
| J. P. O'Neill | Rec. 30 beat W. W. Askew | Rec. 40 by 37 |
| H. J. Robertson | Rec. 7 beat N. C. White | Rec. 50 by 26 |
| A. V. Miller | Rec. 35 beat C. K. MacDonald | Rec. 40 by 20 |
| H. H. Robinson | Rec. 50 beat G. J. C. Moore | Rec. 55 by 23 |
| J. R. L. Palfreyman | Rec. 50 beat J. Shaw | Rec. 52 by 11 |

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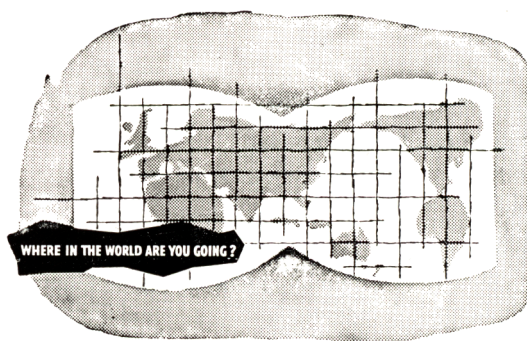
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